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190 MEN IN JULY DRAFT

Call for this Month is a Heavy One and Will Strip Class One.

IS GRATIOT'S LARGEST CALL

Men Will Entrain Here During Five Day Period Beginning With Monday, July 22.

The July call on the draft hits Gratiot county the hardest of any call yet made, 190 young men of the county between the ages of 21 and 31, being listed to be summoned to the colors during the five day period beginning July 22.

The State of Michigan is called upon to furnish 8,900 men in July, which number is being divided among the various boards in accordance with the number of men who are registered. It is estimated that this call will take all the men now left in class one in this county.

The call which has been made gives Gratiot county one of the largest number of men called from any district in the state, only a very few of the districts having more men to summon than has Gratiot on this call. It is also the largest number of men who have so far been listed for call from this county at any one time.

The exact date of departure of these men from Alma for the training camp at Camp Custer is not yet known by the local board, but it will come during the five day period, beginning July 22.

GIVEN AWAY

Thrift Stamps Given to Ambitious Young Lads of this City.

Ninety-eight more young lads of this city have a splendid chance to start saving Thrift stamps is the word of M. Messinger of Alma, who has this number of these stamps for the first ninety-eight youngsters complying with the one small demand which is made.

It is a simple one. He requires that the lads affix three other Thrift stamps on the Thrift card to obtain one stamp as a gift. To loan Uncle Sam seventy-five cents is all that is required, to receive a stamp to make it a one dollar loan.

Mr. Messinger makes no other requirement. He asks only that the lads start the Thrift habit. Two have applied out of the hundred who can obtain stamps. Ninety-eight more can have a Thrift stamp by loaning his government the price of three.

TWO PAGE ADVERTISEMENT

D. W. Robinson's dry goods stores have a two page advertisement in this issue of the Alma Record calling attention to the July sale which will be held at these Alma stores for the next two weeks. Look it over, you may find it well worth the while.

The Masons of Alma expect to get into their new Masonic temple within the next two weeks. It is understood that the meeting of the 17th of July will be held in the new lodge rooms. The Moose lodge will take over the old Masonic lodge rooms.

T. A. Burt and C. V. Calkins are in Chicago on business.

COME SUNDAY

Famous Base Ball Team From Omaha Will Meet Up With Republics.

Out of the west, from which place comes reforms, reformers, new ideas, and what not, will come the "Murphy Did It" base ball team Sunday, with an idea of reforming the Republics of this city and teaching the truck-makers new things about the game as she should be played.

Far be it from us to say that the Republics will load up for this game, but we believe that the truck-makers will trot the best team onto the diamond this Sunday, in an effort to put a dent in the record which the "Murphy Did It" have been pulling up in various portions of this glorious Union of ours.

The gang of ball players which will be brought into Alma by the Omaha Republic agent is regarded as one of the classic little semi-professional teams in the west, and in addition to this the Omaha nine has defeated some of the finest teams in the middle west during the past two or three years. This team has probably played before the largest crowd that ever saw a base ball game, 130,000 people having seen this bunch of swat artists in action in Cleveland two years ago. The game will be played on the Republic diamond on Michigan avenue, just to the west of Swift's plant.

CURFEW ORDINANCE

IS NOW IN EFFECT

Youngsters of the City, Under Age of Sixteen, Must Be Home at 9:00 P. M.

Ordinance 104, known as the curfew ordinance, is now in effect, this new piece of city legislation having taken effect Monday, July 1st. It is drastic as far as it goes, and promises to be the means of keeping the youngsters of Alma off the streets of Alma nights in the future, if properly enforced, as we believe it will be by Chief of Police Oscar Vibber.

This piece of legislation on the part of the city council calls for all children of the city under the age of sixteen years to be home at night before 9:00 o'clock, unless they are accompanied by at least one of their parents or their legal guardian.

The officers of the city have instructions under this ordinance to take charge of any children under the age of sixteen years that they find on the streets after nine o'clock, and to take them home. They are also ordered to take the name of such children, together with the names of those in whose company they are found. Each and every circumstance of this nature will be embodied in the monthly police report, given to the city council, and this one particular portion, by virtue of the ordinance which created it, will be made a portion of the council proceedings. That is the name of every child not sixteen years of age, and all persons, except their parents or guardian, in whose company they may be, will be published.

In addition to this, such cases will be brought to the attention of the probate court, and such children will be prosecuted under the law which governs such matters.

CLOSE PART OF DAY

On July 4th, this year, the Alma post office will be open from 7:00 a. m. until 11:00 a. m., for the distribution of the mail, etc. The carriers will make one delivery in the morning.

JOHN F. BRENNAN CASE CONTINUED

Case Given Venue Change Has Been Continued to Next Term of Court.

JURY SELECTION WAS STARTED

Defense Asked Continuance, Being Unable to Secure Two of Its Witnesses.

The trial of John F. Brennan of Flint, the actor held in connection with the death of Beatrice Epler of this city, which was started in the Clinton county circuit court last week, has been put over until September on motion made by the defense.

The defense made the motion for the delay in the case on the ground that two important witnesses could not be secured at this time, and Circuit Judge E. J. Moinet put the case over until the next term of court.

The trial was started a week ago Monday in the Clinton court, and three or four days spent in securing a jury, from which many men were excused on the ground that they were farmers and could not leave their farms at this season. A large expense was incurred in the securing of the venire which were called.

It is now expected that the trial of Brennan will not get under way before September, and this will probably mean a considerable time will yet elapse before Inez Johnson of this city, also held on a murder charge in this case, is brought to trial.

COMMUNICATION

A few weeks ago while seated at the breakfast table with a number of traveling men, the conversation naturally drifted to the discussion of the war situation and one of the men made the following remark, "I am not a Christian, I do not belong to any church, but I somehow feel that there is a Great Overruling Spirit controlling the issues of the day that we must all reckon with."

The President of the United States has requested the American people to be much in prayer and I am satisfied that if we win the war it will not be because of our superior armies, our intelligence, or our wealth, for we might have all these and still fail, but it will be because of the cause which we are fighting for and because of the superhuman power that comes to us and our allies by trusting, not entirely in our arms, but in the Overruling Providence whose name we have stamped on our coins; "In God We Trust."

Robert E. Lee once said, "God's will ought to be our aim and I am quite content that His design should be accomplished and not mine."

Situated at the foothills in Chilton county, Alabama, is the little town of Verbena, where, every night at six o'clock the church bells ring and continue to ring for two minutes during which time every man, woman and child, with bowed head, stands and prays these words, "God Bless our President, our soldiers and the Nation and guide them to victory."

When the sound of the bell reaches the ear of the inhabitants the observance is universal. Men halt in the street, wagons are pulled up on the road, women pause from their knitting and the children stop their play while all repeat the prayer mentioned above.

Would it not be a fine thing to introduce in Alma? Just at sundown let a church bell ring and everyone offer a prayer for the cause of Democracy. The various churches could take turns each for a week.

DESERTER CAUGHT

Recruiting Officer Smith Arrested Man Whom He Had Enlisted.

Francis Zone of Lansing, who recently enlisted from the local recruiting office, under the name of John T. Andrews of Lansing, was arrested here the latter part of last week by Recruiting Officer Smith.

It seems that following his enlistment here Zone was sent to the central office at Grand Rapids for final examination. While awaiting examination with a number of others, he is said to have taken forty dollars from a companion and then made an excuse to get out of the building, saying that he would return within a short time.

He failed to return and was listed as a deserter. Zone returned to this city, and was coming out of the post office here, just as Smith happened into view, and he was quickly caught.

NAME THE SCHOOLS

The school board, to avoid confusion in the future, has named the various schools in the city, and feeling highly patriotic at the time, used patriotic names. The school in the eastern part of the city, now building, is to be known as the Republic school. The union school building at the corner of Court and Superior streets will be known as the Washington school and the primary building at the corner of Gratiot and Hastings will be known as the Lincoln school.

BIG INCREASE

School Census Shows Remarkable Growth Since Last Year.

The annual school census which has now been completed shows a remarkable increase over last year, there now being 1850 children of school age in the school district.

This is an increase of thirty percent, over last year, and last year's figures, it will be remembered, indicated a 35 percent increase over two years ago, or a 65 percent increase in two years. This indicates a most healthy growth for the city.

The first ward has 769 of the school children, the second ward 617, the third ward 202 and the fourth ward 262. This shows conclusively that the school board was right when it planned to build the new school house in East Alma.

MICHIGAN WILL BE SHORT ON HARD COAL

Fuel Administrator Prudden Makes an Announcement on Anthracite Coal.

Michigan will get less than half of her hard coal requirement taken care of, it has been made known in a statement issued by Fuel Administrator Prudden, and he is urging the use of bituminous coal and wood wherever it is possible.

An explanation made by him indicates that the larger cities of the state will get the preponderance of the 1,201,000 tons of anthracite coal allotted to the state because of the great number of base burners and hot air furnaces in use in those cities.

The statement follows: "To the public: The allotment of anthracite coal for Michigan as made by the United States fuel administration for the year commencing April 1, 1918, and ending April 1, 1919, is 1,201,000 tons. This amount of coal is much less than one-half the amount of coal needed for domestic use; a large amount of bituminous coal and wood must make up the balance required."

"The problem of apportioning and distributing equitably the available anthracite coal is one of great importance. If a sacrifice is to be made shall each citizen bear his part or shall other conditions be considered?"

"There are sections of the state which have available wood and soft coal. Undoubtedly, these sections should get along so far as possible with the kind of fuel most accessible."

"It is also true, however, in those sections having mines producing bituminous coal that many people have base burner equipment suitable only for hard coal, and if no hard coal is allotted to them would be required to change and purchase a new heating outfit that would burn soft coal. This would be a great hardship in the case of the less well-to-do people and the necessary heating equipment would be hard to obtain. These new equipments would mean steel and coal to produce them, both of which materials we need in war products at this time. It would seem that all citizens having hot water and steam heating plants should burn soft coal and allow those having base burner stoves and hot air furnaces to use the anthracite coal."

"Within a week a list of all the towns and cities of Michigan will be published giving the tonnage of anthracite coal allotted to each."

"It is hoped that all citizens will accept as gracefully as possible the allotments as made as many conditions must be taken into consideration aside from mere population."

"This list will be published from Washington, and at the same time certain rules and regulations covering distribution in each community will be issued by the state fuel administration."

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions adopted by the Gleaners Aid society of Elwell.

Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty Father to remove our beloved president, Mrs. A. B. Fisher, we submit ourselves to His divine will, and sympathize with the bereaved family. Mrs. Fisher was one of the organizers of the Gleaners' Aid society and its president until her death June 15th, 1918. Her beautiful life and character will never be forgotten. Each meeting we saw and loved the sweet face, the ever-willing heart and hand; to do good, to cheer and comfort the sad and to smooth the rough paths of the many with whom she came in contact in her daily life. It is with deep sorrow and regret that we saw her depart from our midst but the beautiful example and influence will be felt by us all. The good deeds we do live after us.

Resolved, that the resolutions be printed in the Alma Record, a copy sent to the family and spread on the minutes of the society.

Mrs. Carrie Ludwick
Mrs. Emily Tubbs
Mrs. Louise Doll
Com.

NOTICE

Many subscribers to the last Red Cross drive appear to have forgotten that July 1 was the first pay day. The pledge cards will be at the Alma bank on Saturday July 7th. Please make good your promise. The money is needed for our boys in khaki.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING MONDAY

Two Directors to be Elected to Fill Places of Those Whose Terms Expire.

BUDGET TO BE VOTED UPON

Terms of President Sanderhoff and of Secretary Archer Expire This Year.

The annual school meeting of the fractional district No. 1, Pine River and Arvada, will be held in the Alma high school auditorium on Monday evening for the voting of the annual budget of the district and also for the election of two members of the school board.

Otto Sanderhoff, the president of the school board this year, and A. J. Archer, who has been the secretary of the board, are the members whose terms expire with the annual school meeting to be held Monday. It is understood that both men are candidates for re-election to succeed themselves, at the forth coming meeting.

The names of no others have yet been mentioned for the places on the school board nor has rumor even suggested that a surprise might be sprung at the meeting by the placing in nomination of other candidates for members of the school board, and it is expected that there will be no opposition to these men for the places on the board.

The voting of the annual budget, which will be made up by the board this week, will be another matter which will come at the annual school meeting. It is expected that the budget this year will call for a material increase over the budget of a year ago, due to the fact that all the instructors in the schools will receive greater salaries next year, and the fact that there will be more of them, together with the rising cost of the various materials which are so urgently needed by the schools.

It would not be greatly surprising if the budget on which the voters of the district will be asked to pass, is fifteen to twenty per cent greater than the budget of a year ago.

The annual school meeting will be a patriotic affair this year, upon the suggestion of Superintendent of Public Instruction Fred Keeler of Lansing. While speakers have not been arranged for, it is certain that several good local speakers will be asked to make short addresses. Patriotic songs will be sung.

THREE FINED

Two as Traffic Violators and One for Violating Game and Fish Law.

Justice of the Peace Wm. Rogers recently assessed three fines for law violations, two of these being traffic law violation and the other a violation of the game and fish laws.

A. D. Weston of Mt. Pleasant, deputy game and fish warden arrested Charles Rench, living southeast of Alma for having a fish jack within a half mile of a stream in violation of the law. He entered a plea of guilty and was given a fine of \$5.00 with costs amounting to \$4.50.

Leslie Tanner arrested for violating the state traffic law, was brought before Rogers and on making a plea of guilty was given a fine of \$2.50 and costs amounting to \$3.75.

Ed. Craig went down the street a few days ago with the muffler of his motorcycle cut out, and was arrested for violating the traffic ordinances and as a result paid a fine and costs amounting to \$6.25.

DREW CROWD

"My Four Years in Germany" at Liberty Theatre Filled House.

"My Four Years in Germany," the story of Gerard in Germany, which was filmed at the Liberty theatre Wednesday and Thursday nights, was another of those high grade pictures, and the management of the theatre was greeted with a filled house both nights.

Both nights people were turned away from the show house, being unable to secure seating accommodations for this popular picture, and it is certain that had it been played a third night that it would have drawn another good house.

The people of Alma have become accustomed to good pictures, and are willing to turn out to see them.

THREE SENT

Men Go From County to Vancouver, Washington for Training.

On orders for a special induction, three young men of Gratiot county were sent Tuesday to Vancouver Barracks, Vancouver, Washington, where they will report to the commander of the aviation section.

The men thus ordered to report are men qualified for limited service. They are Lewis H. Nelson, Herbert J. Knowlton, and Alton Beach. From Alma the men went to Saginaw, then up the lakes and across the northern tier of states to Washington, where they arrive July 6.

BANKERS MEET

Gratiot County Bankers Meet in Ithaca Last Friday to Discuss Loans.

Pursuant to call, representatives of the banks of this county met in Ithaca, Friday June 28th, and after extended discussion unanimously adopted the following Preamble and Resolution:

Whereas, it is the first business of every American to help win the war for freedom and humanity, and

Whereas, the government of the United States needs the unified power of the banks to make effective its plans to float an issue of six million dollars of 4 1/2 per cent Certificates of Indebtedness, and

Whereas, our government asks us to invest 5 per cent of our resources each month for the next four months in said Certificates of Indebtedness as preliminary to the Fourth Liberty Loan, therefore

Resolved, that we as representatives of the banks and bankers of Gratiot county in conference assembled hereby record our enthusiastic approval of the financial plan above indicated and pledge our hearty cooperation and support to the limit of our ability.

L. A. Sharp, Chairman War Board.

NEW SUGAR RULINGS

TOOK EFFECT JULY 1

Three Pounds a Person Per Month is the Limit, Except for Use in Canning.

The new sugar rules are in effect, and the merchants are now limited to the sale of three pounds of sugar per person a month. Not only that, but in the towns and cities the sales are limited to two pounds at a time, except where the sugar is desired for canning.

The new regulations are drastic, and will make it hard for the repeater of a year ago to obtain sugar by going from store to store and making small purchases. It promises to do away with hoarding sugar to a great extent and will provide punishment for violation.

All sugar, excepting maple sugar and grape sugar comes under the new rule and is included in the limit of three pounds per person a month.

Under the new ruling now in effect the grocers are not able to obtain over a thirty day supply at any one time, or to have more than that amount on hand at any one time.

Penalties are provided for people who hoard sugar under the new rules and also for the grocers who violate them. Grocers are also given the right to demand the knowledge from the patrons the amount of sugar which they have had during the month.

It is still possible for people to obtain sugar in lots of twenty-five pounds by making application to the county food administrator, C. J. Chambers.

FOR RED CROSS

Republic Girls Donate Nearly Five Hundred Dollars for Work.

L. A. Sharp, chairman of the Red Cross drive here, was more than mildly astonished one day the first of this week, when Miss McHale, of the Republic, walked into his office and left with him a donation to the Red Cross from the girls of the Republic plant.

He was not astonished that these girls, who have answered every appeal, should have made a donation, but rather at the size of it. It took his breath away, momentarily. The sum donated by these patriotic young ladies was \$474.50.

WAR SAVINGS DRIVE IS ON

Solicitors Have Started a Canvass of City for Subscriptions for Stamps.

WILL VISIT EVERY ALMA HOME

Henry R. Pattengill of Lansing Gave Fine Address at Meeting Friday.

The War Savings drive in this city was opened with a meeting Friday night at the high school auditorium with Henry R. Pattengill of Lansing as the speaker of the evening.

Mr. Pattengill spoke of the various acts that have been committed by the Huns, acts which no self-respecting people could allow to let go unnoticed, and of the necessity for carrying this war through to a finish, or as he expressed it, of fighting the next war now.

He spoke of the necessity of keeping from making a premature peace, before Germany is licked to a frazzle, and the whole Potsdam bunch put out of power, and brought out in a forceful way the need of standing behind the boys at the front, with their money.

Following his address City Chairman Charles R. Murphy appointed the ward chairmen for the drive which started Monday. The ward chairmen and their workers for the house to house canvass which took place the first of the week follow:

First ward—J. W. Blakely, chairman; F. A. Schultz, Earl Parker, Frank Parker, J. S. Kwoetzer, Wm. McFadden, J. E. Fuller, Rev. Priest, Chester Benedict, A. J. Archer, Joseph Watkins, W. A. Bahke, Otto Sanderhoff and Fred Slater.

Second ward—H. M. Glass, chairman; Floyd Glass, F. F. Smith, Ed. Hooper, Fred Bradford, M. Ray Kimball, A. W. Brock, H. M. Dunham.

Third ward—A. P. Cook, chairman; F. N. Notestein, J. T. Ewing, H. M. MacCurdy, C. H. Washburn, Dr. Randal, Prof. F. E. West, H. M. Crooks, C. M. Johnson, C. O. Ward.

Fourth ward—L. A. Sharp, chairman; Nelson Fullerton, John Allen, Karl Adams, J. D. Helman, L. B. Kehn, Rev. Jackson, Rev. Fr. O'Toole, Edward Lake, Wm. Knudsen, C. G. Rhodes, P. M. Smith.

The solicitors started their work Monday and are visiting every house in Alma with the pledge cards. The first two pledges reported to the city committee, consisting of C. R. Murphy and H. M. Dunham, called for the purchase of approximately two hundred dollars worth of stamps. The solicitors have a large number of "W. S. S. pledged for 1918" buttons, which are being given to those who make War Savings pledges. The city committee has secured War Savings Service buttons for the various workers in the wards, which are different than the pledge buttons and indicate who the workers are.

GOOD RAIN

Three Weeks' Drought Broken by Heavy Rain First of Week.

A three weeks' drought which was beginning to parch crops in this section of the state was broken Sunday by a heavy rain which continued almost the entire day.

Without question the heavy rain saved thousands of dollars worth of crops in this section of Michigan which were beginning to suffer greatly from the prolonged dry spell.

HELPING HOOVER



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WHEAT

A kernel of wheat has three parts:

1. THE OUTER COVERING, or bran, made up of several layers, from which is obtained the bran, shorts and middlings. This is rich in important mineral salts, but is largely cellulose.

2. THE GERM, the small part of the seed from which the new plant develops. This is where the greatest amount of fat is stored.

3. THE ENDOSPERM, the largest part of the kernel. It contains nourishment used by the plant as it begins to develop. This is mostly starch with protein and some mineral salts and a little fat.

GRAHAM FLOUR is made from the entire wheat kernel without removing any part. This process gives a dark flour.

WHOLE WHEAT FLOUR is made from the wheat kernel with only a small portion of the coarsest bran removed. This also gives a dark flour.

WHITE FLOUR is made of wheat by a process of grinding and sifting, which removes the outer covering and germ. The resultant flour permits of longer storage than flours from which the outer covering and germ are not removed.

The terms "Graham" and "Whole Wheat" flour are often used interchangeably. Graham flour as now milled under the rules of the United States Food Administration contains 74 per cent white flour and 26 per cent of bran, shorts and middlings.

The white flour now on sale is what is known as "100 per cent milling of 74 per cent extraction," that is, 74 per cent of the wheat kernel is extracted and such extraction is then all used to make flour. This flour contains most of the endosperm and practically none of either the outer covering or the germ. Thus 74 per cent of the wheat kernel is made into a straight flour, which is the standard grade of the Food Administration.

Before the war, in some cases, white flour was made by a 70 per cent milling of a 70 per cent extraction, that is, 70 per cent of the wheat kernel was extracted and was then milled so that only 70 per cent of such extraction was left for what is known as a "patent flour." A "patent flour" represents the whitest portion of the endosperm milled to an even and extreme fineness. By that process only about 49 per cent of the wheat kernel was made into the particular kind of patent flour desired. The balance of the 70 per cent extraction of the wheat kernel was used to make lower grades of flour, the brans, shorts and middlings.

The following preparations contain wheat: Macaroni, Noodles, Spaghetti, and the many wheat breakfast foods sold under various names.

SAVE WHEAT EAT POTATOES EAT OTHER CEREALS